

# Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015

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**Approaching 2015: Tracking the  
results of the Decade Initiative**



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# Overview

- Future of the Decade beyond 2015
- Decade Focal Points
- Civil Society Monitoring Reports
- Decade Intelligence – Good and Bad Practices

# Future of the Decade Consultations



- **Decision on participatory consultative process**
  - 23<sup>th</sup> International Steering Committee meeting, Zagreb, September 2012; Croatian Decade Presidency
- **Working group and methodology**
  - November, 2013, Zagreb; GOV: HU, CR, RS, NGO: RS, INT: OSF, WB
- **Consultative process**
  - questionnaire (93); focus-group meetings: NGO, INT, MK, ME, BH, CR, CZ, RS, AL, RO, ES, HU
- **Policy options, discussion, consensus**
  - 25<sup>th</sup> International Steering Committee meeting, Zagreb, June 2013

# Future of the Decade

## New Commitment



- In 2005, eight governments declared 2005–15 as the Decade of Roma Inclusion, and were soon joined by others committed to eliminating discrimination and closing the unacceptable gaps between Roma and the rest of society. Under the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies, many more states and the EU have voiced the same commitment. While some progress has been made, we recognize that much more needs to be done.
- Accordingly, we reaffirm the principles of the Decade and commit to continue efforts-considering various ways of cooperation- to ensure the full inclusion and integration of Roma into our societies, beyond 2015. In particular, we will continue to work closely with Roma and non-Roma civil society, international organizations and other partners to achieve the goals spelled out in our action plans and integration strategies and to comply with our obligations under international law. To that end, we pledge to take efforts to streamline and harmonize the Decade process and the EU framework process, including creating and implementing unified reporting framework.

# Declaration Elements

- Retain current priority areas
- Ensure cross-cutting: non-discrimination and gender (consider to include empowerment, trust-building and identity)
- Define objectives specifically
- Strive to establish specialized facilities per priority (like REF)
- Strengthen Roma Participation (especially through Decade Focal Points)
- Harmonize NAP and NRIS (one principle official document)
- Maintain flexible membership requirements



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# Decade Focal Points

- Selected through an open call
- Ensure **active Roma Civil Society Participation in the Decade**
- Contribute to the international Decade information system
- Disseminate Decade and EU Framework related information on the national/local level
- Conduct national advocacy, in-country dialogue between governments and civil society

# Civil Society Monitoring Reports



- Since 2010 governments submit annual **progress reports**
- In 2012, the Decade Secretariat announced an open call for Civil Society Coalitions in 8 countries: AL, BG, CZ, HU, MK, RO, SK, ES – to **monitor both mainstream and targeted** government measures.
- Objective: supplement and/or provide alternative information to periodic government reports – vital tool to **make states accountable**

# A Concept System of International Monitoring





# Existing Systems of Monitoring



## Examples of complete systems

- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (UN)
- Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (CoE)

## Incomplete systems

- Decade of Roma Inclusion
  - **missing**: committee of evaluation, weak international authority,
- EU Framework
  - **missing**: committee of evaluation, state progress reports, mechanism to receive and review shadow reports,

# Streamlining the Decade and the EU Framework



- Ideally, through the reporting and monitoring processes
  - one template for governments (both EU and non-EU MS) and another one RK2 for civil society coalitions
- **Monitoring reports for 2013** – include EU MS not participating in the Decade (FR, DE, UK, BE, GR)

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**RK2**

Not sure what is meant here: ideally we should have one template for governments and civil society.

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# Decade Intelligence (good/bad practices)



- Objective: to see what works and what doesn't work for Roma Inclusion in the Decade
- what has been done for Roma in the Decade
- whether those efforts have made change as envisaged by the Decade
- whether such changes have been positive or negative, and
- which factors have contributed to the success or failure of the efforts.

# Process



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# Mapping

- Projects
- Stakeholders

→ Data-base

- <http://romadecade.org/about-the-decade-decade-good-practices>



# Assessment

Indicator/Value	variables involved	0	1	2	3	4	5	weight
1 Involvement of government	Implementer	no participation of government	government is partner only	government is financial/non-financial contributor only	government is implementer only	government is partner and financier/non-financial contributor	government is implementer and financier/non-financial contributor	1.1
	Partners							
	Donor							
2 Decade priority areas	Priority area	other area	priority area(s)	one priority area with mainstreamed cross-cutting	combination of priority areas with mainstreamed cross-cutting	integrated approach without cross-cutting	integrated approach with mainstreamed cross-cutting	0.7
	Cross-cutting topics incorporated							
	Integral approach							
3 Location - community level	Location area		community	municipality	regional	national	cross-border	0.7
	Cross-border							

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I don't understand these charts at all and they are too hard to read.

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# Assessment



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Indicator/Value	variables involved	0	1	2	3	4	5	weight
4 Demonstrated reduced gap between Roma and non-Roma	Goal/purpose	The project demonstrates negative influence to the goals of the Decade	The project does not demonstrate progress towards the achievement of the Decade goal	The project partially demonstrates improvement of the situation of the Roma in the priority areas	The project clearly demonstrates improvement of the situation of the Roma in the priority areas	The project partially demonstrates contribution to the reduction of the gap between Roma and non-Roma in the priority areas	The project clearly demonstrates contribution to the reduction of the gap between Roma and non-Roma in the priority areas	1.4
	Indicators							
	Roma beneficiaries							
	Roma women beneficiaries							
5 Participation of Roma	Participation of Roma in the project	None of the alternatives for both the variables is marked	Minority alternatives marked for one of the variables and none for the other variable	Minority of the alternatives marked for both the variables	Majority (3 or more) alternatives marked for one of the variables and minority alternatives marked for the other variable	Majority alternatives marked for both variables	All possible alternatives marked	1.1
	Participation of Roma women in the project							
6 Multiplication	Relation of the project to other initiatives	no relation	part of AP	part of AP and other mainstream policies	continued, followed-up or replicated in the country (and part of AP or other policies)	institutionalized in the country (and any of the rest except replicated in other countries)	institutionalized in the country and replicated in several (and any of the rest)	1

# Evaluation and report

- **Five projects per country** will be evaluated by the DI Consultants (through interviews with beneficiaries, stakeholders and implementers)
  - at least one project per priority area
- **Evaluation reports for 60 projects**
- **Final report reflecting the cross cutting factors** for successes and failures of Roma Inclusion with **case studies**



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

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